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## **EL PASO DOWNTOWN ARTS DISTRICT TEMPORARY MURAL PROJECT**

### **CALL TO ARTISTS - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**Deadline: June 6, 2016**

**Budget: \$3,000 USD**

The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department seeks to commission an artist or artist team to design and produce a temporary mural for the Downtown Arts District. This call is open to artists or artist teams living within a 150 mile radius of Downtown El Paso, Texas.

### **El Paso Downtown Arts District**

The vision of the El Paso Downtown Arts District is to stimulate the artistic and cultural life of the region by providing a lively space for arts and cultural events. The El Paso Downtown Arts District is comprised of 18 museums, presenting venues, green-spaces, festival footprints, cultural organizations, historic facilities and tourist amenities within a 19-block footprint. Additionally, the Downtown Arts District oversees a competitive funding program called KickstART Downtown for recurring festivals and events downtown. Further growth in the Downtown Arts District is projected in 2017 with the addition of ArtSpace, Inc. an affordable live/workspace for artists.

### **Project Description**

The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department will commission a temporary mural competition for the Downtown Arts District. The mural will be located on W. Missouri Avenue, along the north facing façade of the El Paso Museum of History. The mural will be outdoors along Missouri Avenue and viewable to pedestrians and passing traffic. The mural is intended to serve as a lively and inviting visual landmark for the Downtown Arts District. The theme must promote the Downtown Arts District, focus on the arts and El Paso's cultural heritage.

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### **Project Overview**

The project is open to any media appropriate for the flat wall surface and site, with the ability to withstand exposure to the climate and environment for the duration of one (1) – three (3) years.

Appropriate applications include: archival paint including acrylic or aerosol paint. Mediums should also be easy to remove after the tenure of the mural ends to allow for the new work to be installed.

Mural Wall dimensions are 30 feet in length and 6 feet in height with a working surface area of 30' in length by 5'10" in height; 175 square feet in total. The selected artist or artist team is responsible for conducting on-site measurements.

The City of El Paso will hold copyright, access, etc. to the rights of the work and all reproductions.

The design of the project shall comply with the Obscenity Clause Section 10(7)(b) of the Texas Commission on the Arts Enabling Legislation, which prohibits the Texas Commission on the Arts and its grantees from knowingly fostering, encouraging, promoting, or funding any project, production, workshop, and/or program that includes obscene material as defined in Section 43.21 Penal Code of Texas.

### **Budget**

Total project budget is \$3,000 USD and is all-inclusive.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- This project is open to artists/artist teams living within a 150 mile radius of Downtown El Paso, Texas.
- Artists applying for this project must be over the age of eighteen years old.
- Students are eligible to apply only as part of an artist team, that is supervised at all times by a lead artist over the age of eighteen years old.
- Recipient must be able to receive payment from the City of El Paso as a legal vendor.
- Artist and/or artist teams whom are awarded the commission are ineligible to reapply for two years following last commission.